

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A transportable security surveillance system for  
rapid installation in the office of an employee who may  
face a potentially violent situation. An Ethernet LAN  
connects a central security computer in a central  
security station to an audio-video compressor (AVC) in  
the employee's office. A covert video camera and a  
microphone in the employee's office provide video and  
audio data to the AVC. The employee is provided with a  
10 triggering device that triggers the AVC to begin  
streaming real-time audio and video data over the LAN to  
the central security computer when a situation arises  
that requires real-time surveillance of the employee's  
office. Before the trigger, no data is transmitted over  
15 the LAN. Pre-trigger data may be stored in an AVC  
memory, and may be retrieved for later analysis following  
a triggering event.